2025 ELECTIONS

William Swanton, Precinct 5

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How many years have you lived in Winchester? 34 years. I was also born at Winchester Hospital.

Please describe your professional background and education. I have a BS in Physics and MS in Computer Science. I was a systems and software engineer early on, but spent most of my career as an analyst in an IT advisory firm focused on manufacturing and supply chain management.

What Winchester town positions (appointed or elected) have you held, and for how long? I was a Town Meeting Member from Precinct 7 for about 11 years and was on the Finance Committee for part of that time. I had to give up my seat after my company was acquired and I had to travel during town meeting in the spring and fall. We downsized to a house in Precinct 5 and I retired two years ago, and hence am able to run again. I was co-chair of the town Energy Management Committee from 2005 to 2016 and during that time we saved the town about $6M in energy costs. I also served on an IT advisory committee that selected municipal software in the early 2000s.

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What volunteer roles have you done that made a difference in Winchester? I am currently on the board of the Winchester Historical Society and help manage the restoration and maintenance of the Sanborn House Historical & Cultural Center. I am a Past Commadore of the Winchester Boat Club and continue to serve on the race committee. I am a former adult leader of Boy Scout Troop 503.

Why should I vote for you? I have over 25 years of experience working with town government and good relationships with those that are active in town affairs. I have a deep understanding of the history of the town, its financial situation and what it needs to remain a special place for residents.

What specific methods will you use to gather and represent your constituents' perspectives on issues that come before Town Meeting? I always have an open ear and email to constituents, but my experience in the past is that they rarely contact their town meeting members. I have relied on personal acquaintances in the Precinct to stay up to date on their concerns.

Transparency and communication are vital in representative government. What steps will you take to keep your constituents informed about Town Meeting decisions and to explain your voting rationale? That is difficult as I know of no vehicle to communicate directly with constituents (e.g. an email list). In the past, I spoke frequently on articles before town meeting and clearly communicated my position and the reasons for it, which would help those that follow town meeting know my positions.

How do you plan to evaluate and make decisions on budgetary allocations to ensure fiscal responsibility while meeting the town's needs? Having been a member of the FINCOM, I understand ho budget is prepared and how it is carefully vetted by FINCOM. Town

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meeting debates and votes on the budget as amended by FINCOM. Any amendments that come before town meeting have usually been debated at FINCOM as well and the decisions documented. I will start with the FINCOM recommendations, though could change position based on the debate at town meeting.

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Write-in votes, Winchester election results now final

Election 2025 is now over. The results from the March 22 townwide elections have been certified by the Town Clerk's office. Town Clerk MaryEllen Marshall released the final numbers March 27, with 17.3% of Winchester residents casting a vote in the election, or 2,951 votes, out of

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Newcomers win spots on Winchester Select Board, School Committee

It was the perfect Election Day — warm and sunny, with a steady stream of residents going into Winchester High School to cast their ballots. Preliminary results for the March 22 townwide election show 17.2 % of residents voted on Saturday. That's 2,933 votes cast, out of the town'

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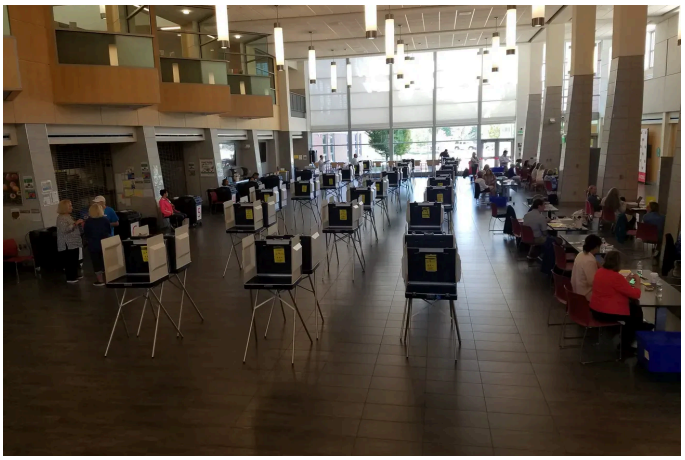

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Winchester Planning Board write-ins emerge ahead of Saturday election

Winchester voters head to the polls Saturday for municipal elections featuring contested races for Select Board and School Committee alongside an unexpected development — two write-in candidates vying for a Planning Board seat that initially have no contenders on the ballot. The March 22 election will take place at Winchester High

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Philip Frattaroli to be Winchester's 12th town moderator since 1915

It's a foregone conclusion. Philip Frattaroli will be Winchester's next town moderator. Sure, the townwide election is just days away, but Frattaroli is running unopposed for the seat being vacated by Heather von Mering, who has been in the role since March 2020. "I decided to take it

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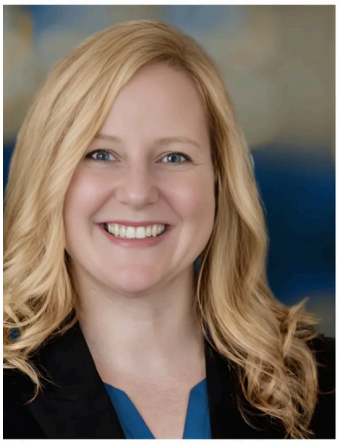

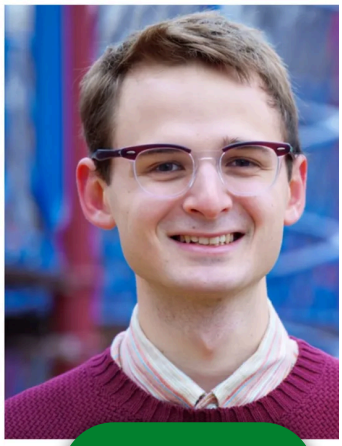

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents 'Syldason: You Are Welcome Here'

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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